

Media Release

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YCSO seeking Auto Theft Suspect – Incident Captured on Video

On July 13, 2016, at approximately 11:45 PM, a brown 1975 Chevy pick-up was parked at the McGuireville Mini-Mart gas pumps located in the 2100 block of E Beaver Creek Road, McGuireville. The owner/victim of the vehicle told deputies he left his ignition key in the truck while he was inside the market. At one point he noticed a young Hispanic looking male walking around his truck. The male suddenly entered his truck and sped away. The victim noted the suspect had ridden to the market on an orange bicycle which was still parked outside.

The victim and an employee at the station chased the suspect in an employee's vehicle. They saw the suspect drive along Beaver Creek Road, eventually veering off the roadway and through a fence near Red Baron Drive. The suspect fled as the stolen truck came to rest. Neither the victim nor employee could recall seeing the suspect before.

The suspect is described as 'short,' about 5' in height, wearing light gray shorts with a dark gray shirt carrying a dark blue back-pack. It appeared the suspect was in his late teens or early twenties. A video of the incident is available at this You Tube link: <https://youtu.be/JUq-MlpHc3U> - Note that the suspect enters the gas pump area from the top right hand corner of the video screen.



The stolen truck as found after the suspect fled

The bicycle abandoned by the suspect has been recovered and was likely stolen. It is described as a brand new orange Diamondback Cobra 20" valued at \$200. The frame contains a serial number - See adjoining photo.



YCSO is seeking the identity of this suspect and would also like to locate the true owner of the bicycle as part of the investigation. If anyone has information on this case, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 928-771-3260 or Yavapai Silent Witness at 1800-932-3232. Callers to Silent Witness will be eligible for a cash reward the tip leads to the suspect's arrest. A reminder - You must contact Silent Witness **directly** for reward eligibility. The case number is 16-025294.

Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260 or the YCSO website:

www.ycsoaz.gov